

50th Anniversary of the Korean War

About the flag

The flag is symbolic of the unified effort of the United States, the Republic of Korea, and our allies to stop Communist aggression on the Korean Peninsula 50 years ago. The light blue and white streamer that runs through the center of the flag is the U.N. Battle Streamer. The 22 stars represent the 22 allied nations that fought side-by-side to save South Korea. The words "FREEDOM IS NOT FREE" were added by our veterans who, more than anyone else, know the great price of liberty. The flag is in both the English and Korean (Hangul) languages. In the center is the Taeguk symbol from the South Korean flag, familiar to many as the symbol for the philosophy of Yin and Yang. Known in Korea as Eum and Yang, the symbol stands for peace and harmony. South Korea has adopted this as their official Commemorative Flag.



About the logo

The focal point of the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War commemorative Crest is the three-lobed Taeguk, known as the sam-Taeguk. The three lobes of the sam-Taeguk are as follows:

- Red and White stripes representing the United States.
- Dark Blue representing South Korea.
- The United Nations Light Blue with 22 Gold stars representing the 20 U.N. countries involved in the Korean War, plus non-U.N. member—Italy—and the Republic of Korea.
- Traditionally, the Taeguk depicted on the flag of the Republic of Korea represents two states of being, Heaven and Earth (spiritual and physical).
- The sam-Taeguk stands for three states of being: Heaven, Earth and Man. Heaven represents the spiritual, Earth is the physical and Man is the intermediary who embodies both the spiritual and physical.
- The wreath and lettering in gold symbolize honor and excellence.

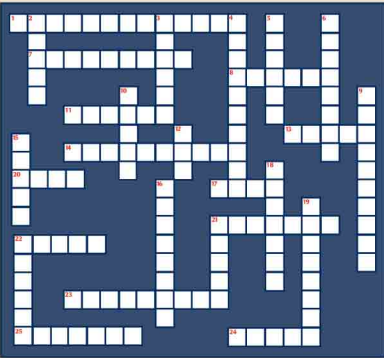


During the commemorative period, the nation will honor the Korean War veterans for the sacrifices they made to ensure a free and democratic South Korea.

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The Combat Action Crossword



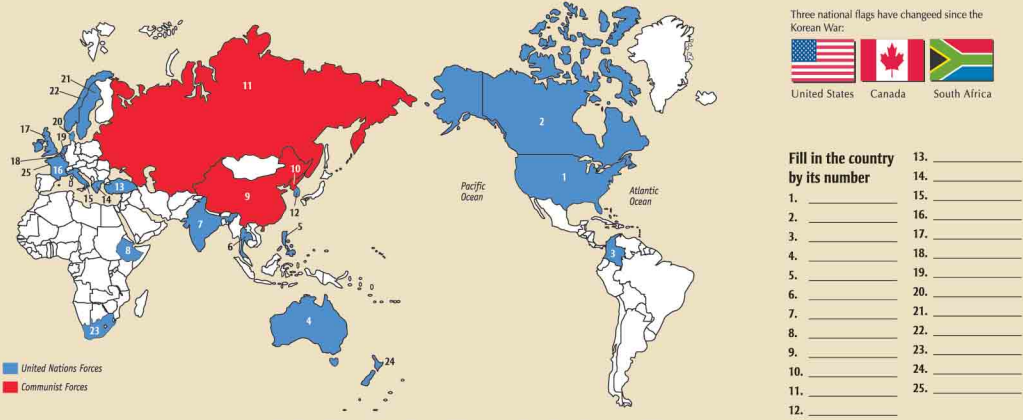
Across

- _____ forces fought the Communists.
- General Douglas _____
- U.S. forces driven out of this city in South Korea on July 20, 1950.
- Leader of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic Premier Joseph _____
- Seventeen across separates this country from North Korea.
- President of the U.S. from 1953-1961
- River separating 13 across and North Korea.
- Premier of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea Kim Il _____
- President of South Korea Rhee _____
- Non-U.N. member fighting alongside allies.
- Agreement signed ending hostilities in Korea.
- Capital of South Korea.
- River used by U.N. forces to establish 15 down.

Down

- Senior North Korea Delegate to Armistice Conference.

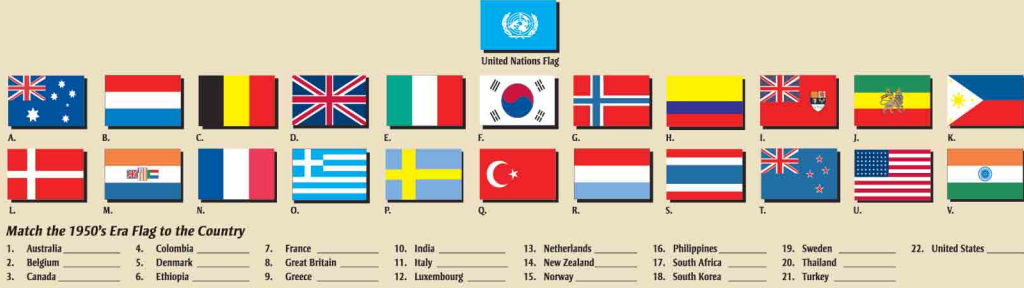
Nations Involved in the Korean War



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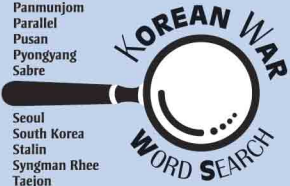
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United Nations Participants in the Korean War



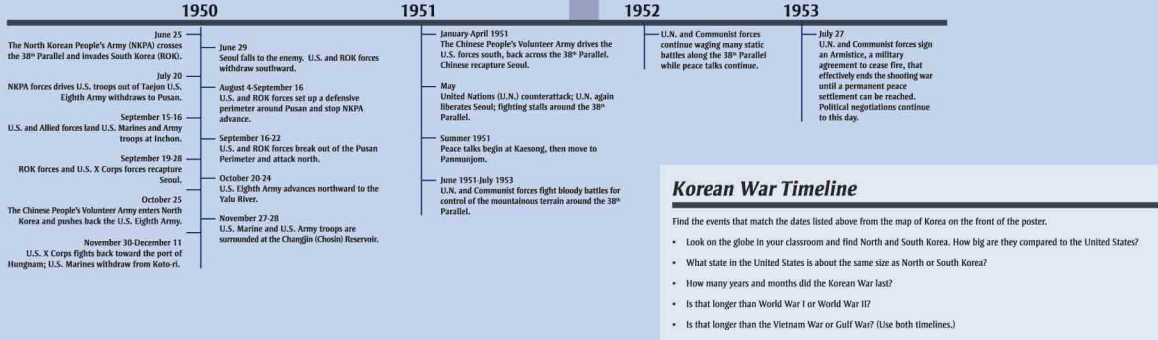
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Eisenhower
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Koje Do
Merchant Marine
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MIG Alley
Nam Il
- Navy
Panmunjom
Parallel
Pusan
Pyongyang
Sabre
- Seoul
South Korea
Stalin
Syngman Rhee
Taegon
Truman
United Nations
Yalu



Twentieth Century Timeline

- Find out the years your grandparents, parents and other important adults in your life were born and place those years on the timeline.
- What important historical events do you remember from when they were your age? Add those dates on the timeline.
- Add the year you were born on the timeline.
- Add the years your sisters and/or brothers were born on the timeline.
- Since you were born, what important events do you remember that should be written into history books?
- Add the dates of other important events in your life on the timeline. (Some examples may include when you started school, if you had to move or when you got a new pet.)

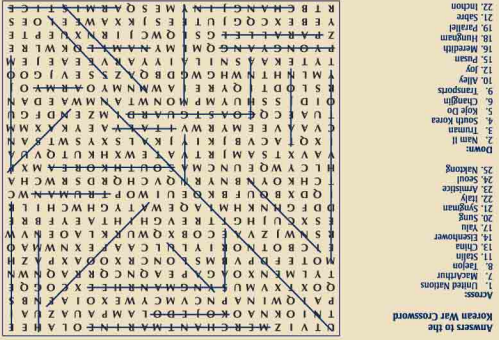


Korean War Timeline

- Find the events that match the dates listed above from the map of Korea on the front of the poster.
- Look on the globe in your classroom and find North and South Korea. How big are they compared to the United States?
 - What state in the United States is about the same size as North or South Korea?
 - How many years and months did the Korean War last?
 - Is that longer than World War I or World War II?
 - Is that longer than the Vietnam War or Gulf War? (Use both timelines.)

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